Security Motive In Phone Taps, Witness Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Alfred C. Baldwin III, self-described undercover agent for President Nixon's re-election campaign, today testified today that he was ordered to look for potential threats to the campaign committee, its headquarters and even th President himself.

Baldwin, who said last week tht he monitored wiretapped phone calls as an employe of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President , was asked on cross-examinatin about the motives behing his earlier undercover work.

He responded that he was hired by James W. McCord Jr. to do security work with te Nixon campaign.

McCord, former chief of security for the Nixon campaign committee, is one of the two remaining defendnt in the atergate political espionage trial. The other is G. Gordon Liddy, who was counsel to the campaign's finance committee.

The testimony came as Time magazine said it learned that one of the seven original defendarts, E. Howard Hunt Jr., offered money to

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four other defendants as an inducement to plead guilty.

Baldwin said one of his early assignments was to attend protest demonstrations.

"Mr. McCord told you he was primarily concerned with threats of volence, did he not?" defense lawyer Gerald Alch asked.

"Not in those words, no," Baldwin answered.

But asked to detail the instructions, Baldwin said McCord had told him there were "three or four things he wanted me to determine for him. That was one of them."

In response to a series of short questions, Baldwin said he was asked specifically to look for threats from demonstrations to the Committee for the Re-Electon of the President and its headquarters building.

Asked about instructions to look for threats to the President's safety, Baldwin said, "that was mentioned once, but briefly.

"He said something like if you do get anything like that turn it over to us and we will turn it over tothe Secret Service," Baldwin said.

Alch had said earlier in the trial he would make no effort to deny McCord's participation in various political espionage activities, including McCord's arrest during a break-in at Democratic Party headquarters last summer.

But he said he would try to prove tha McCord was justifiably motivated by fear of violence to the Nixon campaign.

Earlier today, attorney Michael Douglas Caddy testified that E. Howard Hunt Jr., another of the Watergate defendants who pleaded guilty early in the trial, had phoned him and later come to is apartment in the pre-dawn hours of June 17, the morning of he Watergate break-in, seeking legal counsel.

Caddy's testimony was halted temporarily by the debate over whether it should be allowed because of a lawyer-client relationship with Hunt at the time.

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